

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Atty. Docket: LANGER=1

In re Application of:	)	Conf. No.: 2990
Michael LANGER et al.	)	Art Unit: 3627
Appln. No.: 10/089,253	)	Examiner: Ramsey Refai
Filing Date: August 26, 2002	)	Washington D.C.
For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING	)	April 20, 2009
A MACHINE DISPENSING...	)	

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This communication is response to the Official Action of March 25, 2009.  
Claims 1-20 presently appear in this case. All of the claims have been subject to a requirement to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

The Examiner states that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct groups:

- Group I. Claims 1-9 drawn to a method for controlling and operating a vending machine, classified in class 705, subclass 5, and
- Group II. Claims 10-20 drawn to a system and method for activating and operating an automatic vending machine, classified in class 705, subclass 17.

Applicant hereby elects Group I which reads on claims 1-9.

Applicant respectfully awaits the result of further examination on the merits.  
Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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